

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr today voted with colleagues to pass the Defense Appropriations Act that also included extensions for unemployment insurance and COBRA subsidies, along with a handful of projects that will benefit the Central Coast.

"This legislation includes programs that we must extend to help millions of families suffering around the country," Rep. Farr said. "Congress also passed a jobs bill today that will advance the efforts to get Americans back to work, but until it passes the Senate and until more Americans rejoin the workforce, unemployment insurance and COBRA subsidies must be extended."

The legislation, which still must pass the Senate, also includes funds for nutrition assistance programs to help families in need put food on their table. The House bill passed by a vote of 395-34.

Local defense projects

The funding bill would also pay for five local projects:

- Naval Postgraduate School, \$1.6 million. Funds will go toward a research program for the U.S. Special Operations Command to help meet deployment challenges for Special Operations personnel.
- Defense Manpower Data Center, \$1.6 million. Funds will go to the Cybersecurity and Operational Identity Management program to assist in identifying and solving highly classified issues related to cybersecurity and identity protection.
- Naval Postgraduate School, \$5.6 million. These funds will allow the Center for Defense Technology and Education for the Military Services to leverage NPS research expertise and student experience to assist in the missions of deployed forces.
- Monterey Institute for International Studies, \$1.6 million. Funds would be directed to a translation and interpretation program to complement existing capacity-building programs in foreign languages under the National Strategic Language Initiative.
- Monterey Institute for International Studies, \$1.6 million. Funds will go to the Center for Nonproliferation Studies. These funds were requested by Rep. Berman (D-Calif.)

"The defense institutions located on the Central Coast are critical to our national security education as well as our local economy," Rep. Farr said. "Funding these programs in the Naval Postgraduate School and MIIS help us stay on the cutting edge of national security education."

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